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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION TESTIMONY ON GREECE, TURKEY AND  
CYPRUS BEFORE SFRC MAY 2

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

BROWN, CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE JONES OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND CLARK CLIFFORD TESTIFIED MAY 2 BEFORE WELL ATTENDED SESSION OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SFRC) ON ADMINISTRATION'S FY 79 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS FOR GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS. TEXTS OF CHRISTOPHER AND CLIFFORD STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ADDEES VIA SEPTELS. BROWN AND JONES STATEMENTS WERE SUBSTANTIALLY AS TRANSMITTED IN STATE 89227 AND 89228. QUESTIONS COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS AND U.S. POLICY. DEPT WILL FORWARD EXTRACTS FROM TRANSCRIPT TO ADDEES AS SOON AS TRANSCRIPT AVAILABLE.

2. FOLLOWING TESTIMONY BY ADMINISTRATION REPS AND AFTER DEPARTURE MOST OF SFRC MEMBERS, EUGENE ROSSIDES OF AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE AND HASAN BEKIR ALI OF AMERICAN TURKISH ASSOCIATION GAVE BRIEF ORAL STATEMENTS AND SUBMITTED WRITTEN STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD.

3. SFRC PLANS NO FURTHER HEARINGS ON ADMINISTRATION'S

PROPOSALS FOR EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. WILL PROCEED TO MARKUP OF BILL, INCLUDING GREECE-TURKEY-CYPRUS PROPOSALS, WEEK OF MAY 8-12.

4. HIRC WILL COMPLETE MARKUP AND VOTE ON FY 79 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL MAY 3.  
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5. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS RE USG VIEW OF RECENT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS, DEPSEC ANSWERED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

BOTH THE TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE STRESSED THAT THESE NEW PROPOSALS SHOULD BE VIEWED ONLY AS A STARTING POINT FOR TALKS AND NOT IN ANY SENSE AS THE OUTER NEGOTIATING LIMIT FOR THE TURKISH SIDE. INDEED, THEY HAVE GIVEN STRONG ASSURANCES THAT THEY WILL APPROACH RENEWED TALKS WITH A FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON ALL OF THE ISSUES AND ARE PREPARED FOR A REAL DIALOGUE. ON THE KEY AND SENSITIVE ISSUE OF VAROSHA, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TURKISH SIDE ENVISAGES THE RETURN OF 30,000 TO 35,000 GREEK CYPRIOT INHABITANTS TO THAT CITY, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE EVEN BEFORE A FINAL SETTLEMENT IS REACHED. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS' POSITION ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF VAROSHA IS NOT A RIGID ONE, AND THAT THEY ARE QUITE READY TO CONSIDER VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE FORMULAE ONCE THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE RECONVENED.

IT IS THESE FACTORS WHICH CAUSED UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM TO

VIEW PROPOSALS AS CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIVE.

ABOVE BASED ON DEPTOFF'S NOTES.

6. ADDEES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SEN. MCGOVERN SOUGHT ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FY 79 STATE DEPT AUTHORIZATION BILL WHICH WOULD SET FORTH SEVERAL PRINCIPLES OR GOALS OF US POLICY IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, AND WHICH WOULD CONDITION ANY PROPOSED US MILITARY OR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GREECE, TURKEY OR CYPRUS ON PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION THAT GOALS HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY ACHIEVED OR THAT PROPOSED ASSISTANCE WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVEMENT OF ONE OR MORE OF THESE GOALS. IN RESPONSE DEPSEC RESERVED COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED UNCLASSIFIED

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AMENDMENT, BUT EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS DISCUSS TEXT WITH MCGOVERN AND/OR HIS STAFF. HE CAUTIONED THAT US COULD NOT SET ITSELF UP AS ARBITER IN AREA, OR TRY TO PROVIDE FORMULA FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT. (STATE DEPT AUTHORIZATION BILL EXPECTED BE SUBJECT SFRC SUB-COMMITTEE MARKUP AS EARLY AS MAY 3.) VANCE

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